

## Introduction

THIS IS NOT A FOREWORD but rather an introduction to a person, Dr. Allan A. Macramé.

Dr. MacRae was the recognized outstanding student of the renowned Dr. Robert Dick Wilson of old Princeton. Dr. Robert Dick Wilson was considered by many to be the greatest scholar of Semitic languages in the world in his day, and Dr. MacRae was, and is, a gifted follower of the same scholarship and tradition.

I had studied some classical and biblical Greek before entering seminary but knew nothing of Hebrew. Dr. MacRae was my teacher, and although Hebrew and the Semitic languages have not been the special field into which the Lord has taken me, I have always been glad for the base it provided for my studies.

Later Dr. MacRae was my professor in studying the Old Testament prophetic books and in this did much to sharpen my thinking in regard to the study of the original manuscripts and to exegesis in general - and in particular the exegesis of the eschatological passages throughout the Bible.

Toward the end of my seminary studies, he and I became close friends, and in my senior seminary year he employed me (I was already married to Edith, and Priscilla had just been born!) as a kind of assistant. Perhaps it would be better termed a helper in whatever odds and ends needed doing - from filing endless papers inside magazines (which was his filing system) to doing some of the rough-hewn research work on the exegesis of some Old Testament books, including Isaiah. I look back to those years as pleasant years as well as profitable ones for me.